

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH  
May 29, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.  
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806  
Proceedings

Thomas B. Early was sworn in by Christopher Mora, LDAF General Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Maxwell Lea at 10:08 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE**

Dr. Lea led the board in the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Mr. John Walther.

**Members Present:**

Giles Brown, James Cooper, DVM, Lennie Crawford, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Gary Greene, DVM, William Holdman, Maxwell Lea, DVM, Bob Pitre, Law Ponder, Butch Racca, Tom Ardoin, John Van Bennett, Thomas Early, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Kelly Garris, Eugene Robertson, and Rayburn Smith.

**Members Absent:**

Chris Tauzin, and Tim Veillion.

**Guest Present:**

Robert Joyner, LA. Cattleman's Association, Daniel Myrick, DVM, LDAF, Jim LaCour, DVM, LDWF, Scott Dejean, DVM, USDA VS, Matt Welborn, DVM, LSU, SVM, Brent Robbins, DVM, LDAF, John Walther, LDAF, Diane Stacy, DVM, LDAF, Stacy Welch, LDAF, Parrish Foote, LDAF, Jonathon Roberts, DVM, LDAF, Aimee Kephart, Intern, LSU SVM, Ron Harrell, LA Farm Bureau Federation, Chris Mora, LDAF Counsel and Jacques Fuselier, DVM LSU SVM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Lea asked if there were any public comments and there was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Ponder made a motion for the minutes to change from Mr. Greene to Dr. Greene and approve the minutes for December 5, 2013 with the correction. Mr. Pitre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Mr. Walther discussed Legislation updates on the preference of Louisiana cattle fed and harvested out of state to return with traceable documentation, Alternative Livestock, Release of Game, Fowl, or Fish, 3 year apprenticeship for turtle farm license, Transportation of live feral swine, and the Reauthorization of LBIC.

Mr. Walther introduced Dr. Jonathon Roberts.

Dr. Stacy introduced Aimee Kephart (Intern)

Dr. Stacy gave updates on Equine Piroplasmiasis, Animal Traceability, and other Veterinary Health programs.

Dr. Lea introduced new board member Mr. Thomas Early. Mr. Early has been working with the Thoroughbred Association for 38 years.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Stacy advised the board of a new USDA approved Equine Infectious Anemia Lab (EIA) in Leesville, Louisiana owned by Dr. George Brandon. Mr. Jesse Brandon will be managing the lab.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Stacy introduced an application from Dr. Doug Pesnell for a new Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) lab in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Ardoin made a motion to give board approval for the new private EIA testing lab in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Dr. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Walther gave the status of three livestock markets in Louisiana that have ceased operations or will cease operations – Miller Livestock DeQuincy, West Monroe, and Dominique Lafayette. He stated Miller Livestock Market, Inc. would like to extend their charter for one year due to their business reorganization. Mr. Walther also gave an overview of numbers and species of animals inspected by LDAF at Louisiana sales.

**MOTION**

Mr. Holdman gave a motion to allow Miller Livestock Market to extend their charter for one year. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Stacy announced the formation of species working groups to revise LDAF Title 7 regulations and the state VMO's would develop and head the groups. Board members were encouraged to participate in these groups. A preliminary report of any actions taken by these groups will be reported at the next board meeting.

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Dr. Lea set the date of the next meeting for September 18, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Ponder made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting dismissed at 12:02.